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COMMITTEE ON AGING**

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### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY June 1993**

To: Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, created in 1969 by Concurrent Resolution H.1286 and in 1978 made a permanent committee by Act 402 (Section 2-51-10), is pleased to submit the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Committee.

#### **HOUSE MEMBERS:**

/s/Representative Patrick B. Harris, Chairman

/s/Representative Dave C. Waldrop, Jr., Vice-Chairman

/s/Representative Denny Woodall Neilson

#### **SENATE MEMBERS:**

/s/Senator Warren K. Giese

/s/Senator Ernest L. Passailaigue

/s/Senator Maggie Wallace Glover

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## **I. BRIEF HISTORY**

In 1959 the first Joint Legislative Committee "to study the needs and problems relating to the aged citizens in South Carolina" was created. This Committee continued its work until 1963. By 1969 the need for a committee to study the problems of the elderly in South Carolina was again evident and the legislature created such a committee under Concurrent Resolution No. 1286. This Committee continued under the authority of continuing resolutions until 1978 when the General Assembly found "the Committee to Study Public and Private Service, Programs and Facilities of the Aging fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the Committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent Committee," Act 402 (Code 2-51-10, 1978).

The Committee is made up of three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House, appointed by the Speaker, and three members appointed by the Governor. Serving as chair of the Committee have been Representative Martha Thomas Fitzgerald, 1959-1963; Senator Richard Riley, 1969-1976; Senator Hyman Rubin, 1977-1984. Representative Patrick Harris is the current Chairman, elected on November 29, 1984.

Senator Maggie Wallace Glover joined the Committee in January 1993, replacing former Senator Isadore Lourie who retired.

The Committee was allocated \$77,627 for Fiscal Year 1992-93, reduced to \$74,522 due to the 4% cut, and is authorized for two full time employees and one part-time employee.

Under the General Appropriations Act 1993-94, the Committee allocation is pooled as a line item in the Legislative section under House Joint Committee.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Annual Public Hearing of the Committee on Aging was held in Columbia on September 16, 1992. Testimony was received from 25 persons representing individual interests, state agencies,

commissions, organizations and service delivery groups. Approximately 120 persons attended the Hearing.

The record of the hearing is available in the office of the Committee, 212 Blatt Building. Transcription copies are provided to appropriate state agencies and upon request to individuals and organizations.

The Committee met on November 5, 1992, to review the public hearing testimony, to receive reports, to discuss proposed legislation and to determine the 1993 legislative priorities.

### **III. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE**

Copies of Acts, Bills, and Bill Status may be obtained from Legislative Information 1-800-922-1539, 734-2060

#### **ENACTED:**

**HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGES** (H.3019, S.172/R.12, Act \_\_) Effective Date: March 8, 1993

A Joint Resolution to form a Task Force to study home equity conversion mortgages.

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE** (H.3018, S.113/R.63, Act \_\_) Effective Date: April 22, 1993

A Joint Resolution to form a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study planning, coordination and delivery of services to Alzheimer's victims and their families and to recommend an organizational structure to have primary responsibility for these functions and to report to the Committee on Aging by January 1, 1994.

**OMNIBUS ADULT PROTECTION ACT** (H.3016/R.240, S.7, Act \_\_) Effective Date: September 11, 1993

A bill to specify guidelines and duties for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and the Adult Protective Services Program in order to give rights and protection to elderly against adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.

**SPECIAL LICENSE TAG/PLACARD FOR HANDICAPPED  
EQUIPPED VEHICLES** (H.3254, S.320/R.146, Act \_\_\_\_)

Effective Date: June 14, 1993

A bill to provide a special license tag/placard for handicapped parking to agency, organization or facility vehicles transporting handicapped or disabled persons.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - REVOCABLE TRUST** (H.4068, S.685, Appropriations Act FY93-94, Section 104, R.277, Act \_\_\_\_)

Effective Date: July 1, 1993  
A bill relating to the application of the homestead exemption to property held in a revocable trust ("Living Trust") to provide that the homestead exemption applies when the otherwise eligible beneficiary of a trust possesses use of the dwelling.

**PENDING:**

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE DISCOUNT CREDIT FOR  
DRIVER TRAINING** (H.3017, S.114)

A bill to provide that automobile liability and collision insurance rates are subject to a mandatory credit if an insured has passed an approved driver training course.

**STATUS:** *H.3017 - Tabled; S.114 - PASSED Senate → PASSED House with amendments → Senate refused to concur → Conference Committee report pending*

**SENIOR HOUSING INSTITUTE** (H.3020, S.173)

A bill to sponsor a "Senior Housing Institute" and to report annually to the General Assembly and the Governor.

**STATUS:** *H.3020 - PASSED House → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs; S.173 - PASSED Senate → Referred to House Ways and Means*

**TAX CREDIT FOR ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAMS** (H.3021, S.115)

A bill to extend to adult day care programs the tax credit received by employers beginning in 1990 for child day care programs.

**STATUS:** *H.3021 - Referred to House Ways and Means; S.115 - Referred to Senate Finance*

**AGING CURRICULUM/VOLUNTEERISM** (H.3165, S.248)

A Joint Resolution to integrate aging topics into public school curriculum and promote volunteerism within the school.

**STATUS:** *H.3165 - PASSED House → Referred to Senate Education; S.248 - Referred to Senate Education*

**MANUFACTURED HOME PARK ACT** (H.3974)

A bill to provide for a minimum lease of one year on manufacture home park rental agreements.

**STATUS:** *Referred to House Labor, Commerce and Industry*

**IV. SELECTED LEGISLATION RELATING TO AGING**

**ENACTED:**

**RESTRUCTURING STATE GOVERNMENT** (H.3546, R.276, Act \_\_) Effective Date: July 1, 1993

Changes the SC Commission on Aging to a Division in the Governor's Office.

**APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (H.3610, R.277, Act \_\_) Effective Date: July 1, 1993

Combines the appropriations for joint legislative committees under the budget of the chamber of the respective chair of the committee, i.e., the Jt. Leg. Committee on Aging is under House Joint Committee.

**1993 OUTSTANDING OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIAN** (H.4168, S.754) Effective Date: May 12, 1993

House and Senate Resolutions to recognize Mrs. Marjorie C. Stonebrook of Myrtle Beach upon receiving the 1993 Outstanding

Older South Carolinian Award presented by the South Carolina Commission on Aging.

**LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS (H.3015, S.28/R.75, Act No. \_\_)** Effective Date: April 22, 1993

A bill which defines the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators and Community Residential Care Facility Administrators; defines "accredited college or university"; changes the Board name to the Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators.

**HEALTH CARE REGULATION (S.585, R.161, Act \_\_)** Effective Date: June 11, 1993

A bill to require a fingerprint review of persons applying to become an administrator of a health care facility required to obtain a certificate of need.

**PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS (S.622, R.163, Act \_\_)** Effective Date: June 14, 1993

A bill to include physicians' assistants among those professionals who may prescribe medications.

**NURSING HOME/RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY REGULATIONS (H.3903, R.228, Act \_\_)** Effective Date: June 11, 1993

A Joint Resolution to approve regulations of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators and Community Residential Care Facility Administrators, relating to licensing of nursing home and community residential care facility administrators.

**THE THOMAS AND CHESSIE RHOAD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER (H.4201)** Effective Date: May 27, 1993

A concurrent resolution to request the appropriate officials of Bamberg County to name the new senior citizens center of the Bamberg County Council on Aging as "The Thomas and Chessie Rhoad Senior Citizens Center".



## **PENDING:**

### **HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT (H.4171, S.749)**

A bill to enact the "South Carolina Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act of 1993" by providing health care cooperative agreements, to regulate self-referral of patients by health care professionals, and to direct SCDHEC to develop clinical practice guidelines, provide for health care cost containment, provide a transition to universal health insurance coverage, provide for education and training of health care professionals, provide medical review criteria, provide standards and requirements for individual and group health benefit plans, provide that the Uniform Arbitration Act is applicable to insurance companies, administrators of insurance benefit plans and health maintenance organizations.

**STATUS:** *H.4171 - Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs; S.727 - Senate General*

### **INCOME TAX EXEMPTION (S.41)**

A Bill to exempt from state income tax resident individuals who have attained the age of sixty-five years.

**STATUS:** *Senate Finance*

### **DEPENDENT TAX CREDIT (S.145)**

A Bill to enact the Dependent Tax Credit Act.

**STATUS:** *Senate Finance*

### **INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ACCOUNT (S.171)**

A bill to create the Individual Medical Account Act for the purpose of paying the medical, dental, and long-term care expenses of the account holder.

**STATUS:** *Senate Finance*

### **LOTTERY (S.278)**

A Joint Resolution to provide that a portion of the revenue derived from the lotteries conducted by the state be used for reducing the sales and use tax on unprepared food.

**STATUS:** *Senate Finance*

### **LOTTERY (H.3117)**

A Joint Resolution to authorize lotteries conducted only by the state, one-half of revenues from lotteries must be used for elderly and indigent care.

**STATUS:** *House Judiciary*

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT (H.3100)**

A bill to lower from seventy-two to sixty-five the age of a person who qualifies to vote by absentee ballot.

**STATUS:** *PASSED HOUSE → Senate Judiciary*

### **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION (H.3125)**

A bill to allow a deduction for a sixty-five year old person, or his spouse, who is ineligible for a deduction under other provisions.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

### **AUTO LEASE FEE REDUCTION (H.3172)**

A bill to authorize a fee of ten dollars annually for persons sixty-five years of age or older who leases a vehicle.

**STATUS:** *PASSED HOUSE → Senate Transportation*

### **STATE PARK EXEMPTION (S.309)**

A bill to allow aged, blind, and disabled persons free use of facilities free of charge and to change from 65 to 62 the qualifying age.

**STATUS:** *Senate General*

### **STATE PARK DISCOUNT (H.3242)**

A bill to allow aged, blind and disabled persons free use of facilities in a state park including no admission charges.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

### **STATE PARK FREE ADMISSION (H.3393)**

A bill to give free admission and reduced charges for state parks to non-residents, sixty-five or older or disabled if their state reciprocates.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

### **HUNTING/FISHING EXEMPTION** (H.3383)

A bill to allow persons who are nonresident, sixty-five years of age or older and exemption from obtaining a hunting and fishing license/permit if their state of residence extends similar privileges.

**STATUS:** *House Agriculture*

### **RETIREMENT INCOME** (H.3653/H.3906/S.667)

A bill to increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 the maximum amount of retirement income a taxpayer at least sixty-two years of age may deduct from taxable income.

**STATUS:** *H.3653/H.3906 - House Ways and Means; S.667 - Senate Finance*

### **HEALTH CARE CONSENT ACT** (H.3695)

A bill to revise the definition of "Health Care" to include the provision of medically or surgically implanted tubes in the Adult Health Care Consent Act.

**STATUS:** *House Judiciary*

### **ADEQUATE SEATING** (H.3699)

A bill to require the Department of Highways and Public Transportation to provide adequate seating for persons who, because of their age or infirmity, cannot stand for long periods of time on offices in which the Department registers and licenses motor vehicles.

**STATUS:** *House Education and Public Works*

### **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION** (H.3907, S.666)

A bill to clarify taxable income deductions for the retirement income exclusion for surviving spouses; so as to clarify that the Eldercare Trust Fund "Checkoff" applies only to individual income tax returns.

**STATUS:** *H.3907 - PASSED HOUSE → Senate Finance, S.666 - Senate Finance*

### **BINGO** (H.3967)

A bill to repeal current provisions pertaining to regulation of bingo games and adds provisions to regulate bingo.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

**CHILDREN/FAMILY SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT (H.3985, S.727)**

A bill to pertaining to restructuring, to enact the "Children's and Family Services Act of 1993" to establish the Department of Children's and Family Services and to create within the Department the divisions of aging programs and adult services, children's services, economic services, to abolish the South Carolina Board of Social Services and the South Carolina Commission on Aging.

**STATUS:** *H.3985 - House Judiciary, S.727 - Senate General*

**SALES TAX EXEMPTION - 85 Years (H.4094)**

A bill to require the Tax Commission to distribute placards to retailers informing the public that the one percent sales and use tax to fund the Education Improvement Act of 1984 does not apply to individuals 85 years of age or older.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

**MEDICAID FOR NURSING HOME CARE (H.4185)**

A bill to provide for court-approved trusts and their requirements in order for a trust beneficiary to qualify for Medicaid for nursing home care.

**STATUS:** *PASSED HOUSE → Senate Medical Affairs*

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO \$25,000 (H.3963, S.64)**

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the \$20,000 of fair market value to \$25,000.

**STATUS:** *H.3963 - House Ways and Means; S.64 - Senate Finance*

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO \$30,000 (H.3089, H.3114, S.20, S.332)**

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the \$20,000 of fair market value to \$30,000.

**STATUS:** *H.3089/H.3114 - House Ways and Means, S.20/S.332 - Senate Finance*

## **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - FAIR MARKET VALUE** (H.3364)

A bill to provide an exemption on residential property tax for fair market value which represents increases after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

**STATUS:** *House Ways and Means*

## **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX** (H.3139, H.3694)

A bill to require annual adjustments to offset increases in the consumer price index.

**STATUS:** *H.3139 - House Ways and Means; H.3694 - House Ways and Means*

## **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** (H.3922)

A bill to extend the exemption allowed nonprofit housing corporations exclusively providing below-cost housing for handicapped persons or both aged and handicapped persons to nonprofit corporations exclusively providing below-cost supportive housing for elderly persons or households authorized pursuant to appropriate federal laws.

**STATUS:** *PASSED HOUSE → Senate Finance*

## **V. STUDIES PENDING**

- Alzheimer's Task Force appointed by the Committee to study the coordination and delivery of services for Alzheimer's victims and their families, report date - January 1, 1994.
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgages, SC Commission on Aging and the SC Housing, Finance and Development Authority, report date - September 8, 1993.
- Long Term Care Insurance Home/Community Optional Benefit, SC Commission on Aging, Dept. of Insurance, report date - 1995 and 1997.

## **VI. ACTIVITIES**

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The status of legislation introduced by the Committee and other selected legislation related to aging interests is summarized periodically during the session. This publication entitled

"Legislative Update" is very popular among legislators, the aging network organizations and interested individuals. Copies are distributed upon request.

The Committee also distributes two pamphlets. One gives a brief history of the Committee and includes a list of the members and legislative priorities and the other, "Aging Resources," lists state organizations, agencies, and legislative committees interested in aging issues.

### **SENIORS' LEGISLATIVE DAY**

This year the SC Federation of Older Americans along with Central Midlands Regional Planning Council, SC Commission on Aging, SC Gerontological Society, SC Educators Association-Retired, USC School of Public Health, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging co-sponsored the Annual Seniors' Legislative Day with the Legislature on Wednesday, January 27, 1993. The event was held at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia.

"Honoring Our Legislators" was the theme of this year's event. Over 200 persons were present to give a special tribute to the more than 60 Legislators who attended.

Speaker of the House Robert J. Sheheen introduced the guest speaker, former-Senator Isadore Lourie, who received the Legislative Award from the SCFOA. Other award winners were Channel 19 News, Media of the Year Award; Levona Page, senior writer at The State newspaper, Reporter of the Year Award; and Floye Walters of Lancaster, Volunteer of the Year Award.

### **ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE**

The Task Force to Study Services for Alzheimer's Victims and Their Families was appointed by the Committee on Aging as provided by Joint Resolution, H.3018, signed by the Governor on April 26, 1993. Members of the Task Force are Dean Winona Vernberg, School of Public Health, USC, Chair; Dr. David Bachman, Medical University of South Carolina; Dr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Department of Mental Health; Tom Brown, Department of Health and Environmental Control; Harry Bryan, Alzheimer's Association, Mid-State Chapter; Dr. Paul Eleazer, USC School of Medicine; Dr. Pam Kline, Clemson University; Dr. Eugene Laurent, SC Health and Human Services Finance Commission; Jack McIntosh, Alzheimer's Association, Upstate Chapter; Ruth Seigler,

SC Commission on Aging; Betty Allison, caregiver; Reverend Monroe Fields, caregiver; Nancy Jones, caregiver. The first meeting was held on May 20, 1993. The Preliminary Report will be presented at the Public Hearing of the Committee on Aging, September 15th and the Final Report will be presented at the meeting of the Committee on November 4, 1993.

### **ALZHEIMER'S LEGISLATIVE DINNER**

The Alzheimer's Association sponsored a dinner in honor of the General Assembly on Wednesday, March 24, 1993 at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.

During the event, the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging was awarded the "1992 Legislator of the Year" Award. Representative Patrick B. Harris, Chairman, gave remarks and each individual member of the Committee received an award.

### **LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM**

The College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina assigned Terry Willie, a candidate for a Master's degree in Social Work, as legislative intern for the Committee during the 1993 academic period of January to May. This is the fifth time a graduate field placement has been provided by the Committee.

Ms. Willie researched and collected information on the Hospice Licensure Act and the Automobile Insurance Credit for Driver Training legislation. She prepared fact sheets on the bills introduced by the Committee during the 1993 Legislative Session and developed a booklet entitled The Elderly in South Carolina: Quick Facts, which includes facts and miscellaneous information on the elderly in our state.

This year as in past years, Keller H. Barron, Research Director, participated in the Agnes Scott College Shadow program. Charlene H. Webb, a Return-to-College student, joined the staff for the weekly session March 16-19, 1993.

## **COMMITTEE AND STAFF LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

Members of the Committee and/or staff worked cooperatively throughout the year with the Standing Committees of the House and Senate, Long Term Care Council, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Joint Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, Commission on Aging, Tax Commission, Comptroller General's Office, Health and Human Services Finance Commission, Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Library.

Chairman Patrick B. Harris represents the Committee on the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee.

Keller H. Barron, Director of Research, is the designee for Chairman Harris on the Long Term Care Council and serves on the Agenda and Continuum of Care Committees. She also serves on the South Carolina Health Decisions Committee of DHEC.

## **VII. REPORTS**

**LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES affecting the Aged and Disabled Drivers of South Carolina Report**, as directed by Joint Resolution Act 304, 1992, was submitted to the Committee on December 29, 1992, by the SC Department of Highways and Public Transportation in cooperation with the Commission on Aging and the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation. The report concluded that current laws, policies, and procedures for the licensing of older and disabled drivers are adequate. The agencies involved do recommend, however, that the SCHDPT continue to make engineering improvements to enhance the safety of the roadway environment, as described in the report; that efforts to create a greater awareness of the availability of restricted licenses be made; and that the SCHDPT continue to examine traffic accident data involving licensed drivers with restrictions.

**SENIOR HOUSING SURVEY, a study of the housing needs of the low and moderate income elderly with special attention to the reverse mortgage program**, as directed by Joint Resolution Act 179,



1991, was submitted to the Committee on Aging in connection with the SC State Housing, Finance and Development Authority. The recommendations are: 1) the SCCOA Housing Program Consultant will provide assistance to the 10 Area Agencies on Aging to establish a Consumer Housing Information Service for Seniors; 2) the General Assembly should direct the SCCOA and the State Housing, Finance and Development Authority to study Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (S.172 enacted); 3) the SCCOA and the SCHFDA should work with the HHSFC which has convened a Long Term Care Housing Alternative Task Force to develop a pilot Assisted Living Project; 4) the SCCOA should assist and evaluate the pilot Shared Housing Program; 5) the Aging Network should work with the counties to develop a demonstration project for Elderly Cottage Housing Opportunities; 6) the General Assembly should direct the SCCOA, SCHFDA and Committee on Aging to sponsor a Senior Housing Institute (S.173, H.3020).

A LIMITED-SCOPE REVIEW OF LONG TERM CARE AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, as requested by the members of the General Assembly, March 1992, was reported to the General Assembly in March 1993 by the Legislative Audit Council. The recommendations are: 1) consideration of merging the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council, Long Term Care Council and Commission on Aging Coordinating Council into one interagency planning group; 2) the Joint Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee should determine ways to better integrate long term care, report back in one year with recommendations and action plan; 3) the Health and Human Services Finance Commission should comply with state law by discontinuing in-house service provision in its Community Long Term Care Program; 4) consideration of allowing regional councils of government to perform area agency on aging functions outside their boundaries and the Commission on Aging should redesignate planning and service areas to reduce the number of area agencies; 5) consideration of freezing, reducing or eliminating fee and tax exemptions and reductions for elderly, disabled and blind persons with high incomes and using resulting savings for needed long term care services. This Report is under a compliance review by the State Reorganization Commission.

## **VIII. PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications are available from the Committee office and distributed upon request:

- Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Preliminary Report to the Committee by the Advisory Committee of the Long Term Council, December 1991; Final Report April 1992
- Adult Day Care Survey of Needs of State Employees Report to the Committee, Human Resource Management Division, Budget and Control Board, 1991
- Aging in South Carolina: Focus on Caregiving, SC Commission on Aging, 1993
- Annual Reports 1970-1993
- Aging Resources, 1993
- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Registry, Annual Report, School of Public Health, 1992
- Community Long Term Care, Interim Report, Waiting List Study, January 22, 1993
- Consumer's Guide to Long Term Care Insurance in SC, 1990
- Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death form, 1993
- Directory of Continuing Care and Retirement Communities in SC, 1989
- Economic Impact of the Senior Living Industry in SC, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, 1991
- Elderly in SC: Quick Facts, 1993
- Health Care Power of Attorney form, 1993
- Homestead Tax Exemption Program, Comptroller General, 1993
- Laws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures Affecting the Aged and Disabled Drivers in SC Report to the Committee, Department of Highways and Public Transportation, 1992
- Legislative History of the "Living Will" and Health Care Power of Attorney, 1977-1992
- Long Term Care and Related Services for the Elderly, Limited-Scope Review, Legislative Audit Council, 1993
- Panel Study of Older South Carolinians, Long Term Care Council, 1990
- Senior Housing Survey Report, SC Commission on Aging, 1993
- SC Mature Lifestyles, SC Retirement Association, Vol.5, No.1, 1993

- SC Senior Citizens' Handbook, a Guide to Laws and Programs Affecting Senior Citizens, Young Lawyers Division, SC Bar, 1992
- Summary of Aging Legislation Enacted Through 1993

## **IX. SC COMMISSION ON AGING**

The South Carolina Commission on Aging was the state agency designated by the General Assembly, in 1971, to administer the provisions and funds of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and to plan, coordinate and serve as an advocate for programs and services in the areas of income, health, housing, employment, retirement and in-home and community services for older persons and their family caregivers.

The "Aging Network" in South Carolina includes the Commission, 10 Area Agencies on Aging which plan, develop and coordinate aging programs and services in their regions, and 59 local direct aging service providers.

As of July 1, 1993, the SC Commission on Aging is abolished and the agency becomes a Division in the Governor's Office (R.276).

## **PRIORITIES**

### **THE ELDERCARE TRUST FUND**

The General Assembly has established a check off for Eldercare on state income tax forms; one-fourth of the funds remain in trust, and the remainder will be used to administer the program and fund innovative community projects.

### **THE PARTNERSHIP FOR OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIANS**

The Commission has entered into an agreement with United Way of South Carolina to develop collaborative community efforts to meet the needs of older persons and help them retain their independence.

### **I-CARE PROJECT**

I-CARE is a federally funded project to assist victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Services are being initiated in three regions, but will expand to state-wide coverage.

## PROJECT COPE

Project COPE is a federally funded project to assist victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Services are being initiated in three regions, but will expand to state-wide coverage.

## SC CAREGIVERS SURVEY

A state-wide survey of a sample of over 300 caregivers was completed and a report of findings has been published. The data are being used to support the need for programs to assist caregivers.

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

The University of South Carolina and the Commission on Aging have developed a system to transmit data from the Client Information System in local agencies by phone line to the Commission; This provides unduplicated client counts and units of service provided.

## STATE PLAN ON AGING

A new four-year State Plan on Aging was developed and approved by the Governor and the Administration on Aging.

## TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The Commission has implemented TQM as its management philosophy. Staff have received formal and in-service training, and all staff participate in TQM Teams.

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

Until June 30, 1993, the Commission is comprised of one member from each congressional district and one additional member at-large. All were appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Chair: Mrs. Helen D. Brawley, Rock Hill, 1995  
Vice Chair: Mr. Joseph C. Strickland, Columbia, 1996  
Secretary: Dr. Susanne Geist Black, Dillon, 1994  
Treasurer: Mrs. Erminie Nave, Greenwood, 1996  
Mr. James A. Moore, Hampton, 1993  
Dr. Nora K. Bell, Columbia, 1997  
Mr. Charles D. LeGrand, Greenville, 1993

**Mrs. Ruth Q. Seigler, R.N., M.N. - Executive Director**

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**X. APPENDIX A: COUNTY HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION  
REIMBURSEMENTS TAX YEAR 1992**

COUNTY	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Abbeville	3,230	407,049.19
Aiken	11,315	1,293,112.22
Allendale	1,350	192,887.81
Anderson	15,709	1,898,998.37
Bamberg	1,877	245,749.41
Barnwell	2,213	235,484.02
Beaufort	8,326	861,267.90
Berkeley	5,396	610,145.38
Calhoun	1,247	152,635.60
Charleston	22,537	3,329,645.02
Cherokee	4,668	558,377.49
Chester	3,745	629,094.71
Chesterfield	3,921	371,733.85
Clarendon	2,550	361,879.40
Colleton	3,384	463,093.64
Darlington	6,120	675,254.32
Dillon	2,476	254,298.15
Dorchester	4,545	571,798.24
Edgefield	1,721	276,962.22
Fairfield	1,993	291,964.55
Florence	9,908	951,400.61
Georgetown	4,816	624,886.16
Greenville	26,530	3,743,318.72
Greenwood	6,975	885,107.53
Hampton	2,340	363,265.30
Horry	14,140	1,497,700.16
Jasper	1,307	211,644.86
Kershaw	4,220	550,240.42
Lancaster	4,927	744,819.81
Laurens	5,866	633,672.18
Lee	1,781	257,356.03
Lexington	12,425	1,930,155.70
McCormick	787	104,716.31
Marion	3,319	444,735.76
Marlboro	3,280	312,653.78
Newberry	4,785	589,051.13
Oconee	5,851	536,952.20
Orangeburg	7,562	1,052,389.63
Pickens	9,769	1,030,752.50
Richland	19,906	2,812,514.22
Saluda	1,771	226,517.70
Spartanburg	21,561	3,543,915.30
Sumter	6,981	901,634.67
Union	4,054	514,282.59
Williamaburg	2,786	413,811.76
York	11,081	1,294,489.52
STATE TOTALS	307,051	\$39,853,398.04

**APPENDIX B: POPULATION AND % OF POPULATION OF PERSONS  
AGE 65 AND OVER FOR SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES, 1990**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL ALL PERSONS</u>	<u>65 YRS. + TOTAL</u>	<u>65 YRS. + PERCENTAGE</u>
Abbeville	23,862	3,520	14.8%
Aiken	120,940	13,796	11.4
Allendale	11,722	1,486	12.7
Anderson	145,196	19,732	13.6
Bamberg	16,902	2,165	12.8
Barnwell	20,293	2,489	12.3
Beaufort	86,425	10,664	12.3
Berkeley	128,776	7,453	5.8
Calhoun	12,753	1,768	13.9
Charleston	295,039	29,881	10.1
Cherokee	44,506	5,778	13.0
Chester	32,170	4,293	13.3
Chesterfield	38,577	4,921	12.8
Clarendon	28,450	3,787	13.3
Colleton	34,377	4,394	12.8
Darlington	61,851	7,417	12.0
Dillon	29,114	3,565	12.2
Dorchester	83,060	6,136	7.4
Edgefield	18,375	2,250	12.2
Fairfield	22,295	3,041	13.6
Florence	114,344	12,723	11.1
Georgetown	46,302	5,954	12.9
Greenville	320,167	38,063	11.9
Greenwood	59,567	8,224	13.8
Hampton	18,191	2,249	12.4
Horry	144,053	18,229	12.7
Jasper	15,487	1,949	12.6
Kershaw	43,599	5,292	12.1
Lancaster	54,516	6,709	12.3
Laurens	58,092	7,805	13.4
Lee	18,437	2,269	12.3
Lexington	167,611	14,897	8.9
McCormick	8,868	1,162	13.1
Marion	33,899	4,240	12.5
Marlboro	29,361	3,753	12.8
Newberry	33,172	5,123	15.4
Oconee	57,494	7,905	13.7
Orangeburg	84,803	10,547	12.4
Pickens	93,894	10,484	11.2
Richland	285,720	27,133	9.5
Saluda	16,357	2,350	14.4
Spartanburg	226,800	28,785	12.7
Sumter	102,637	9,621	9.4
Union	30,337	4,494	14.8
Williamsburg	36,815	4,438	12.1
York	131,497	14,001	10.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,486,703</b>	<b>396,935</b>	<b>11.4%</b>

**APPENDIX C: GENERAL ELECTION VOTER ACTIVITY BY AGE WITHIN  
COUNTY FOR SOUTH CAROLINA 1992**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL REGISTERED</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTED</u>	<u>% VOTED</u>
Abbeville	2,443	1,885	77.15
Aiken	10,132	8,404	82.94
Allendale	1,045	818	78.27
Anderson	11,842	9,845	83.13
Bamberg	1,644	1,257	76.45
Barnwell	1,892	1,563	82.61
Beaufort	10,143	8,514	83.93
Berkeley	5,789	4,806	83.01
Calhoun	1,276	1,074	84.16
Charleston	22,796	18,688	81.89
Cherokee	3,838	3,101	80.79
Chester	2,899	2,234	77.06
Chesterfield	2,987	2,368	79.27
Clarendon	2,890	2,343	81.07
Colleton	3,072	2,507	81.60
Darlington	4,830	3,964	82.07
Dillon	2,353	1,807	76.79
Dorchester	4,958	3,927	79.20
Edgefield	1,702	1,423	83.60
Fairfield	1,942	1,577	81.20
Florence	8,433	6,815	80.81
Georgetown	4,765	3,882	81.46
Greenville	24,464	20,764	84.87
Greenwood	5,096	4,194	82.29
Hampton	1,786	1,470	82.30
Horry	15,064	12,551	83.31
Jasper	1,473	1,176	79.83
Kershaw	3,934	3,411	86.70
Lancaster	4,148	3,682	83.34
Laurens	4,830	3,927	81.30
Lee	1,786	1,471	82.36
Lexington	11,190	9,544	85.29
McCormick	894	723	86.87
Marion	2,948	2,187	74.18
Marlboro	2,462	1,795	72.90
Newberry	3,709	3,038	81.90
Oconee	5,417	4,582	84.58
Orangeburg	8,207	6,789	82.72
Pickens	6,298	5,240	83.20
Richland	19,692	16,659	84.59
Saluda	1,656	1,364	82.36
Spartanburg	16,967	14,020	82.63
Sumter	6,493	5,231	80.56
Union	3,258	2,630	80.72
Williamsburg	3,542	2,912	82.21
York	9,257	7,861	84.91
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>278,512</b>	<b>230,003</b>	<b>82.58%</b>